



Focus on Columbia River Legislative Report

Washington State Department of Ecology, Columbia River Water Management Program

Tell us what you think about the Columbia River Legislative Report

On Feb. 14, 2006, the Legislature passed a bill creating a new framework for managing water resources in the Columbia River basin. The legislation requires the Washington State Department of Ecology to complete an inventory of the Columbia River's water supply and to forecast future water supply and demand requirements. The report will help the State to manage the river more efficiently.

The public is invited to comment on the report at one of the four scheduled open houses listed below or by submitting their comment in writing by 5:00 p.m., November 1, 2006

Columbia River Water Supply Inventory

The report consists of two parts. The first, the Columbia River Water Supply Inventory, lists the conservation and storage projects available for acquiring water for instream uses like ensuring adequate streamflows for fish and out-of-stream uses such as for farming and drinking water. The Columbia River Water Management Program will use this report to evaluate and rank projects for funding. The Supply Inventory Report will be updated annually.

The Long-Term Water Supply and Demand Forecast

The second portion, the Long-Term Water Supply and Demand Forecast, looks at things like increased water demands due to population growth and the effect crop changes and global warming may have on water supply and demand. The report will be updated every 5 years.

How can I learn more?

Open houses for the reports will be held in Colville, Kennewick, Moses Lake, and Wenatchee from **4:00-7:00 PM** on the following dates:

Oct. 24	Moses Lake	Big Bend Community College Advanced Technologies Education Center (ATEC), Rooms 1870 A&B 7662 Chanute Street NE
Oct. 25	Colville	Agricultural Trade Center 317 W. Astor
Nov. 1	Kennewick	Three Rivers Convention Center, Meeting Rooms E&F 7016 W. Grandridge Blvd.
Nov. 7	Wenatchee	Coast Wenatchee Hotel, Fuji Room 201 N. Wenatchee Ave.

Please send your written comments to:

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Information about the reports is also available at the Columbia River Water Resource Management Program web site: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/cwp/crwmp.html>.

If you prefer printed copies of the materials, please call Tim Hill (509) 454-4241, tihi461@ecy.wa.gov.

How do I submit a comment?

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